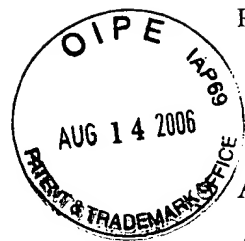


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006:

1. Amendment (including one specification replacement sheet and two drawing replacement sheets);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (3 months);
3. Check for \$510.00 (small entity fee for 3-month extension of time to respond).

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, and conversely credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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